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Social Madison.

A home more beautifully decorated could scarce be imagined than that of Mrs. Chandler H. Smith, as appeared last Friday afternoon to her guests assembled at 3:30 o'clock in response to "At Home" cards sent several days before. At this season there are very few flowers so one expects to see little except evergreens. Here however a feast of flowers were in evidence. In the parlor everything was in softly blending canary and violet shades, the walls and crepe paper decorations contributing, and the mantel decorated with freesias and violets completing the color scheme. In the library which is a red room, crimson camellias took up the color note, but the dining room gave again only soft yellow—great vases of daffodils, pansies, and jasmine with candle light blending all into a lovely picture.

The game, one of mirth and merriment unalloyed, was a talking contest. Each, in an allotted time was asked to shake hands with and ask two questions, awaiting the answers, with as many people as possible. The name of each person talked to was to be written down on cards provided for the purpose, and the one who talked to the most people, was to be declared the successful contestant. As the best talker, Miss Nell Childress easily led the rest, receiving a handsome centerpiece of hand-made drawn work. Refreshments were

then served, consisting of delightful salad, turkey, stuffed celery, and crackers, with hot coffee and tea served by Mrs. C. B. Ashley.

After refreshments were served, all still lingered, loth to end so pleasant an affair.

As her guests departed, Mrs. Smith was assured by all that she had added another distinct success to the list of the season's entertainments.

Tuesday, March 3rd, Mrs. Archie L. Vann gave a luncheon from 11 to 1 o'clock in honor of Mesdames Beville and Shackleford, which was a pretty and most pleasant affair. The floral decorations were profuse, quantities of camellias, freesias, and violets being used. Salted pecans were enjoyed while the game—progressive 42—was played. Mrs. D. G. Smith won the prize—a dainty plate—and presented it to Mrs. Shackleford. Four were rivals for the "booby," but Miss Bessie Sanders proved the lucky winner, the prize being a bonboniere. An enjoyable salad course with hot coffee followed the games, with candies as a post prandian finishing touch. Mrs. Vann's guests were Mesdames Shackleford, Beville, E. J. Vann, W. G. Overstreet, Clyatt, S. A. Smith, T. C. Smith, W. Mitchell, D. G. Smith, J. B. Brinson, Ashley, A. Livingston, jr., and Misses Hardee, Bunting, Taylor and Sanders.

Some More Candidates.

Another Bunch of Patriots who wish to Serve the People.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

Judge James P. Martin—than whom Madison county possesses no citizen more widely and favorably known—asks the voters to re elect him County Judge. Judge Martin came to Florida in 1861. He volunteered in the Confederate Army in 1862 and served his country as a soldier until the war ended. At the close of the struggle he became a citizen of Madison county and in the early days of reconstruction served the Democratic party valiantly. Twice was he arrested by the Federal authorities and taken to Jacksonville for trial where he spent several days in jail until a bond could be made and approved. He has served Madison county 16 years as County Judge during all of which period he has discharged the duties of the office conscientiously and well. If the people see fit to re invest him with the title of "Judge" he will continue to discharge the duties pertaining to the office in the manner which has characterized his past administration.

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT.

Thos. G. Perry wants to conduct the affairs of this office for the coming term. Mr. Perry is a Madison county boy, born and bred, and his whole life has been spent here. He is the grandson of Col. Samuel J. Perry, so lovingly remembered by all of the old citizens and many of the present generation. Of sturdy stock Tom Perry is a man who by his own efforts has won success and he has friends who are going to put in some mighty lies for his election.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

Everybody knows Bate Thomas and he wants everybody to know that he is a candidate for Tax Assessor, hence his announcement in this paper. Bate is a clever fellow with friends in every nook and corner of the county and he says that he is in the race to win. He is a worker and will see just as many people between now and primary day as the next fellow.

Robt. J. Paterson is another candidate for Tax Assessor. He holds the position at present, has had it for some years past and wants to keep it for a few years in the future. Mr. Paterson asks the support of the voters on his own record and merit. His friends are almost numberless and it is safe to say that they will work for his success almost as hard as he does himself.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Madison county's money has been handled by the same man for so many years that when a campaign year rolls around and the county treasurer is thought of the name of T. W. Dale immediately suggests itself. Mr. Dale is a careful, thorough and conscientious business man whose very name suggests stability and integrity. He asks for re-election as County Treasurer.

John W. Davis, a young citizen of the Moseley Hall neighborhood, announces his candidacy for County Treasurer. Mr. Davis is a native of the county, a most worthy young man and, as he says in his announce-

INFLUENCE.

Who can tell its beginning or its ending?

The truism "No man liveth to himself" is no vague spiritual generality, but a curt statement of the inevitable working of nature's laws, here and now, even in Madison. We, as citizens of Madison, are now living out in our lives influences that came to us fifteen or twenty years ago in our formative years. Many as they read this, will bless the power of influence as they recall a spoken word, a helping hand that in some hour of stress, lifted their uncertain feet and guided them to a sure place. Many more, alas! will curse the memory of someone who came in an hour of discouragement and by a laugh, a taunt, or a luring invitation, planted their feet in the road to failure and defeat.

To say "I have no influence" means to say that I stand alone—unhelping and unhelped—a block, a stone in the roadway, checking all progress. Ah! there's the rub! If not helping, hindering! If not pushing, blocking the way! If we have no influence we're monstrosities—freaks of nature! The grass accepts

the influence of moisture and air and gives it back in a carpet of green. The flower reaches up and down, gathering from air and earth all its needs, and then gives it out again in a riot of color and fragrance.

Madison has women who "have influence," yet their colorless, hopeless attitude has countless times been a drag to earnest endeavors. Their sad complainings have cast shadows a day long into my own life.

Madison has men who "have no influence" therefore are treading their own paths. Yet every drained glass, every dishonest speculation, impure jest, every secret vice, is fastening itself upon not only themselves, but some other person to affect their character forever.

As Madison to-day was in the making, twenty years ago, so Madison of twenty years hence is in the making now. Don't dodge your influence. It is yours—either life-giving, inspiring, or depressing, degrading; setting its mark for good or ill on our rising generation. Madison's future is ours, to make or mar. On what side will your influence fall?

Programme.

A union meeting will be held with the Midway Baptist church commencing Friday before the fifth Sunday in March. The programme is as follows:

Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. L. Rutherford.

Discussion. "Have we Scripture right to have a committee to visit a church member who has broken his church discipline?" Rev. I. K. Clement.

"Is the supper mentioned in John 13-2, the Lord's Supper or not?" Rev. J. L. Rutherford.

"Drunkness and its contents." Rev. J. P. Sessions.

"Have we Scripture to prove that there is such a thing as a Witch or Witchcraft abroad in the land to-day?" Rev. J. T. Farnell.

"Is there any Scripture for Sunday Schools?" Rev. A. N. Woodward.

"Is there Scripture to prove Christ's birthday?" Rev. R. F. Hacker.

Don't cough your head off when you can get a guaranteed remedy in Bees Laxative Cough Syrup. It is especially recommended for children as its pleasant to take, is a gentle laxative thus expelling the phlegm from the system. For coughs, colds, croup, whooping-cough hoarseness and all bronchial trouble. Guaranteed. Sold by B. F. Moseley.

Notice.

No hunting or fishing will be permitted on my place east of Madison, known as the Mays place. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

S. B. MAYS.

Frank Williams, a sixteen-year-old lad, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Moseley last week.

The Monticello Drug Company is the latest corporation to be formed in Monticello. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the safe in the Southern Railway ticket office in Jacksonville a few nights ago.

An Appreciated Compliment.

MR. EDITOR:—We do not believe in keeping flowers merely for the dead, but rather showering them on the living. Hence we ask the privilege of bestowing one of appreciation on our editor for the excellent paper he is giving us. Your weekly breezy sheet, full of sparkle and facts, is a delight to read and its good moral tone makes it a pleasure to place before our sons and daughters. Your "man up a tree" sees things those of us on the deep level of self interest, policy and sordidness are blinded to. May the scales fall from our eyes and may your clarion call summon us to our civic duty.

Madison citizens may well be proud of their weekly and give it the support it deserves.

AN APPRECIATIVE READER

Such compliments as are contained in the above card are worth more to this editor than gold and jewels. If, in our humble way, we are helping our readers and our town then indeed are we "blest beyond our deserts"—EDITOR.

At the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Cowart, at Pinetta last Sunday afternoon Mr. J. E. Cottingham and Miss Cora L. Cowart were happily united in marriage in the presence of a few intimate friends and the immediate families, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Fletcher, pastor of Madison Circuit. The groom is one of our most prosperous and prominent young farmers and the bride a young woman who is greatly beloved for her many lovely and lovable traits of character. The many friends of the young couple wish for them a long and happy life in which the New Enterprise most heartily joins.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Madison county is called to meet in the court house at 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, March 9th, for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

E. N. TUCKER, Chairman.

Mill Plant Burned.

The large planing mill and variety works owned and operated by the Madison Lumber Co., was totally consumed by fire last Saturday night.

It was about ten o'clock when the alarm first sounded and before the citizens of the town could reach the scene the large mill structure was a perfect sheet of flame and all efforts to save it from destruction were seen to be hopeless.

The fire is thought to have originated from a spark thrown by the engine of the west bound Seaboard train. This found lodgment in a pile of shavings and the wind fanned the smoldering spark into flames which quickly enveloped the entire structure. Work at the mill was shut down at 9 o'clock and everything was safe when the hands departed.

The loss amounts to probably \$15,000 with insurance, we are told, of less than \$4,000.

The destruction of this plant removes from Madison one of its most important and appreciated industries and we sincerely hope that it may soon be replaced.

Cause of Stomach Troubles.

When a man has trouble with his stomach you may know that he is eating more than he should or of some article of food or drink not suited to his age or occupation, or that his bowels are habitually constipated. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to regulate the bowels and improve the digestion and see if the trouble does not disappear. Ask for a free sample. Sold by D. G. Smith.

We wonder if every man and boy in town makes a practice of carrying a revolver in his pocket? One would naturally think so after hearing the hundreds of pistol reports which sounded from all directions Saturday night when the planing mill was discovered to be on fire. We know of one shot, at least, in town which shows a dozen or more pistol ball holes through it as the result of so much pistol shooting that night.